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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 10/060,227 filed on February 1,  
2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

Akio HANDA, Noriaki TAKANO, and Bunzo SEKI

for

VEHICULAR TWO-WHEEL DRIVE AND FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE SWITCHING SYSTEM

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).

2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	8-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are NINE (9) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/060,227 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 2001-025669, 2001-025670, 2001-312768 filed in Japan on 02/01/2001, 02/01/2001, and 10/10/2001 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on February 1, 2002.

- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35  
U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449  
form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's  
consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_  
has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/060,227  
in order to establish co-pendency with the present  
application.
13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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